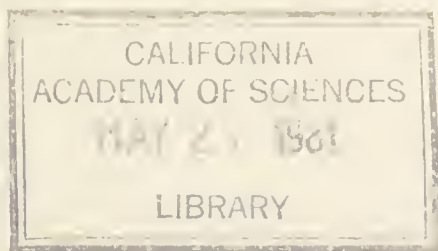
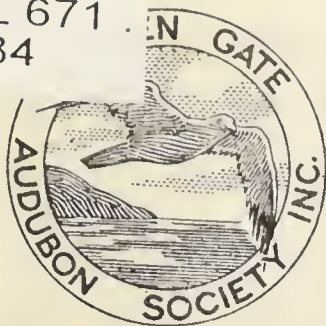


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## First Annual Potluck Dinner, June 19

We hope to see you all at the GGAS Annual Meeting and potluck dinner on Friday, June 19, at the Leona Lodge, 4444 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, where the emphasis will be on informality, good music, good food and friendship. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner planned to start about 7 p.m. If you bring a dish which needs heating, please plan to arrive at the earlier time.

Members whose last names begin with A-H should bring a dessert; I-Q, a main dish; R-Z, a salad. GGAS will provide wine, fruit punch and coffee.

This year we will honor the late Dr. Eric Reynolds for his important contributions to GGAS in its formative years as well as Aileen Pierson, Lenore Johnsen and Joe Morlan for their many and varied services in more recent times. The incoming GGAS officers will also be introduced.

One of the Bay Area's finest traditional jazz piano players, Ray Skjelbred, and some of his friends, including Peter Allen on bass, will entertain us. A few folks who have already heard about this have threatened to get up and dance after dinner, but the more staid and sensible among us will be just as happily rewarded by sitting back and listening.

To reach the City of Oakland-owned Leona Lodge from San Francisco, take Hwy. 580 to the 35th Ave. exit. Turn left on 35th (which

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becomes Redwood Rd.) and proceed to Mountain Blvd. Turn right on Mountain Blvd.♥

From east Oakland go via the Warren Frwy. (Hwy. 13) to the Carson St. turnoff and go right on Mountain Blvd. There is ample parking, some of it on the opposite side of Mountain Blvd. from the Lodge.

**Important:** If you plan to attend, please call the GGAS office (843-2222), Danne Jones (654-1286, evenings only), or Hazel Houston (635-7347, after June 12, evenings).

## Field Trips Calendar

\$ indicates entrance fee required

**Saturday/Sunday, June 6-7—Mono Basin.** On **Saturday** meet at **7:30 a.m.** at the Big Bend Campground three miles west of Lee Vining on Hwy. 120. **Sunday's** meeting place will be decided on Saturday. From the Bay Area take your favorite route to Yosemite National Park. Take Hwy. 120 over Tioga Pass and down the east side of the Sierra to the town of Lee Vining or to one of the Forest Service camps west of the town. Motels in Lee Vining include: Best Western Lake View Motel (714-647-6543), Gateway Motel (714-647-6467) and Murphey's Motel (714-647-6316). We will bird in Lee Vining, Mono Lake and other areas. Be prepared to caravan to the various birding spots. Leader: Tony Briggs (282-3142 or 626-3131). The latter number is an answering service so ask for Tony by name. (✓) \$

**Wednesday, June 10—Mini trip to Redwood Regional Park.** Meet at Claremont Hotel parking lot (Domingo and Russell St. entrance) at **8:30 a.m.** to carpool. Take Warren Frwy., turn left onto Redwood Rd. and proceed about three miles to Redwood Gate, southern entrance to park. Leave cars at small parking lot just inside park on left. We should see Black-headed Grosbeaks, Swainson's Thrush, Northern Orioles, Solitary, Hutton's and Warbling Vireos, among others. Leaders: Delpha deTimofeev and Ruth Voss (525-8032).

**Saturday, June 13—Coyote Hills Regional Park.** Meet at **8 a.m.** at the park visitors' center. From Hwy. 17 or Hwy. 84 exit at Jarvis Ave. and follow the signs to the park. This trip will end around noon. We should see a variety of common breeding birds. Leader: David Rice (865-7826).

**Saturday/Sunday, June 13-14—Yuba Pass and vicinity.** On **Saturday** meet at **9 a.m.** at Wild Plum Campground. We will bird the

mountain areas for summer residents including flycatchers, warblers and Calliope Hummingbirds. On **Sunday** meet at the intersection of Hwys. 49 and 89 at **7:30 a.m.** We will caravan to Sierra Valley and see many of the birds of the eastern Sierra including Yellow-headed Blackbird.

Take I-80 to Truekee, go north on Hwy. 89 to Sierraville and take Hwy. 49 west to Wild Plum Campground, about one-half mile from Sierra City. Or take Hwy. 49 northeast from Auburn. Camping is available at the Wild Plum and Chapman campgrounds on Hwy. 49 (U.S. Forest Service). Lodging is available at Sierra City: Sierra Chalet (916-862-1110), Buttes Motel (916-862-1170), Herrington's Sierra Pines (916-862-1151), Bassett Station Motel (916-862-1297), Sierra Buttes Inn Motel (916-862-1191) and Yuba River Inn (916-862-1122). Leader: Peter Allen (981-7199). (✓) \$

**Saturday, June 20—Land's End, San Francisco.** Meet at **8 a.m.** at the Palace of the Legion of Honor parking lot in Lincoln Park. From Geary St. go north (toward the Bay) on 34th Ave. to the top of the hill (through the golf course) and park in the large circular parking lot on the right. This trip will probably end around noon. Lunch is optional. We will hike about two miles to see common breeding birds of the San Francisco coast. This trip is appropriate for beginners. Leader: Jerry Scott (752-5835).

**Friday-Sunday, June 26-28—Lassen Volcanic National Park.** Join the Murphy family for a weekend of birding and hiking at Lassen. The more serious birders will meet on Friday and Sunday mornings by the store at the Manzanita Lake Campground at **6:15 a.m.** We will spend two to three hours birding the lake and nearby area. After a quick breakfast we will meet again at **10:30 a.m.** at the store for a hike through some of Lassen's beautiful back country. These hikes will be about three miles in length and leisurely paced for the convenience of small children and the leaders. On Saturday, we will meet at **7:15 a.m.** and caravan north to Burney Falls, Fall River Valley and Baum Lake. This will be an all-day excursion of about 100 miles. We are planning to have lunch at a PG&E public swimming pool, so bring swim wear and a towel. We will end the day at Uncle Runt's Restaurant (gourmet center for the Lassen region?).

In past years we have seen Willow, Hammond's and Dusky Flycatcher, Black Swift, Bald Eagle, Osprey, Townsend's Solitaire, Mountain Bluebird and most of the warblers which breed in the mountains.

Wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to pack a lunch and liquids. Suntan lotion, a hat, mosquito repellent and warm clothing for cold



nights may also be needed. Plan to stop at our camp in the evening for a campfire. You will need a cup and a folding chair so we can huddle together and try to stay warm.

From the Bay Area drive north on I-5 to its junction with Hwy. 44 in Redding. Go east on Hwy. 44 to the northeast entrance of Lassen. Camping facilities are available at Manzanita Lake. Lodging is available about 15 miles north of the park at Doan's Hat Creek Resort, Old Station (916-335-2359). Other information can be obtained from the park headquarters, Mineral, CA 96063. Be sure to check at Doan's and the park bulletin boards for further details and changes in the schedule. Leaders: Dan and Joan Murphy (564-0074). (✓) \$

**Monday-Sunday, July 13-19—From the crest of the Sierra to Mono Lake.** Join us for a week or a day of walks, birds and fun based at the group camp at Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite National Park. Highlight of the week will be a trip on Saturday, July 18, into the magnificent country east of the Sierra led by David Gaines, inspiring teacher and driving force behind efforts to save Mono Lake. Timing of other activities will depend on weather, mosquitos and participants' ideas. Plans for each day will be made at the evening campfire. On the agenda so far is a walk to Tuolumne River Cascades, a dawn chorus expedition and a thorough exploration of Mono Lake. On the other hand, if you feel like loafing in camp all week, this is your opportunity.

The Sierra in July can be gloriously warm and gentle or bitterly cold, wet and windy. Come prepared, especially for cold nights. We will spend some time at the 10,000-foot level, but most activities will be at lower elevations. Tuolumne Meadows Campground is located at the 8,600-foot level along Tioga Pass Rd. (Hwy. 120) in Yosemite. Ask at the camp entrance booth for the GGAS group camp location. Because camp conditions in our public parks are subject to sudden change these days, before you leave please call one of the camp hosts or the GGAS office (843-2222) for possible last minute alterations of our plans. If you wish to join us but do not wish to camp, your best bet is to stay in a motel in Lee Vining on Hwy. 395 east of Yosemite and contact us at camp. (For a list of motels see the June 6-7 Mono Basin Field Trip on page 74.)

**Cost:** Contribution of a friendly piece of wood for the evening campfire and a gift, within your means, to the Mono Lake Committee.

**Camp hosts:** Dave Cornman, weekend coordinator (825-2106, evenings); Florence and Jim Rodgers (524-2944); Marie Mans (284-7681). Jim, Florence and Marie will be at the group camp starting Monday, July 13.

**Carpooling arrangements** can be made for trips marked (✓). Call Kate Partridge at 642-1733 (work hours) or 236-9853 (home) and leave a message. She will contact you.

**Problems:** If for any reason you have difficulty getting in touch with a field trip leader or need information regarding a trip, call Dan Murphy (564-0074) or the GGAS office (843-2222).

—FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

## April Observations – through April 28

Despite being our poorest month for rare birds, April is best for Big Days. On April 25 a team of Don Roberson, Laurence C. Binford, Jeri M. Langham, Benjamin D. Parmeter and John Parmeter found the astounding total of 196 species entirely within Monterey County! While this is neither a Northern California Big Day record nor a national record for a single county it is close in both categories. Don's extensive scouting in the little-known portions of the county added a number of key species.

## FARALLON UPDATE

Warm temperatures prevailed at SE Farallon Island, as the northwest winds were late. Apparently as a result, nesting seabirds were late settling, except for the abundant Cassin's Auklets. No vagrants were noted between late February and April 20. Few migrant landbirds arrived except for 65+ Ruby-crowned Kinglets and 20 Lincoln's Sparrows in a wave April 14 and 15. Two male Harlequin Ducks have been present continuously since Feb. 20. A "Yellow-bellied Sapsucker" April 19 was only the Island's second at this season. The very thorough Farallon report (courtesy of Point Reyes Bird Observatory, compiled by Teya McIlroy) lists a Western Flycatcher on April 14, not remarkable except that it is the earliest spring record there. DeSante and Ainley's recent (1980) monograph summarizes 132 spring migrants ranging from April 22 to July 10, "with a very sharp peak in early June." Our local breeding individuals arrive much earlier, many even in March. This discrepancy in timing suggests two causes. Perhaps later-migrating birds bound for more northern or interior mountains, being much further from their destinations, are more likely to stay offshore than are those in the last stages of homing. Alternatively or in addition, Western Flycatchers may not reach the Farallones until the summer coastal overcast forms. Comparative analysis of other species' occurrences should clarify this problem.

## THE MAINLAND VIEW

A Eurasian Green-winged Teal on South Lake in Golden Gate Park April 4-27 (MH, RH, BF, mob, JS) has provoked debate as to its wild status. If it remains through May it will be presumed an escapee. At nearby Elk Glen Lake there was a female Eurasian Wigeon April 19-21 (GGAS, Kurt Campbell). So far the latest Oldsquaws were two at Moss Landing April 25 (DR, JML, BDP, JP, LCB). A new location for Blue Grouse was found along Rockpile Rd. in northwestern Sonoma County, with at least six males hooting April 4 (LCB, BDP, JP). Some or all of the ten full-breeding-plumage American Golden Plovers at Spaletta Ranch April 25 (DW, BH, PW, DH) were migrants, as no more than six were seen all winter. A real prize was the **Solitary Sandpiper** in the bottom of Arroyo Mocho April 25 (BR, JR, RS), but the date and location are not surprising. The adult **Black-headed Gull** at Stockton Sewage Ponds was in breeding plumage by early April (CC). The first Least Tern at Alameda South Shore was noted April 25 (MG, NC). A Black Tern visited Elkhorn Slough April 25 (JP, BDP, JML, LCB, DR) and two were west of Coyote Hills April 29 (PM, *fide* CS).

An overshooting male Costa's Hummingbird appeared in San Rafael April 12-14 (IT, KW). Also coastward were two Western Kingbirds at Fort Funston April 11 (NB). The Monterey Eastern Phoebe lingered to March 28, a late date (EM, AM). A Sage Thrasher along Armstrong Rd., eastern Contra Costa County, April 28 anomalously showed a dark eye (BR). In Washington Park, Pacific Grove, the Black-and-white Warbler was in male breeding plumage March 28 (EM, AM). A female Black-and-white was just visiting San Francisco Zoo April 1 (HW). From its April 3 date I presume that the Tennessee Warbler by Stow Lake in Golden Gate Park (NB) wintered in California and probably locally. Conversely, the Yellow-breasted Chat along Mines Rd. April 25 (BR, JR, RS) was a scarce migrant. Both San Francisco **Great-tailed Grackles** were sighted at their usual spot beside Fort Mason April 5 (KH) and the male was one kilometer east on April 27 (RJ).

**Errata:** The March Observations (p. 60) suffered two omissions. The Laysan Albatross when picked up had *no* frayed or broken feathers. The March 16 Cattle Egret stayed nearly two weeks.

**Observers:** Laurence C. Binford, Neil Blank, Kurt Campbell, Clay Coler, Nancy Conzett, Bud Fry, Phil Gordon, Michael Green, Kem Hainebach, Margaret Hilton, Ralph Hilton, Bob Hirt, Deborah Hirt, Richard Jeffers, Dick Johnson, Jeri M. Langham, Akiko Makishima,



Eugene Makishima, many observers (mob), Peter Metropoulos, Benjamin D. Parmeter, John Parmeter, Bob Richmond, Jean Richmond, Don Roberson, Rich Sinchak, Golden Gate Audubon Society, James Stratton, Chris Swarth, Ian Tait, Delores White, Harry White, Peter White, Kitty Whiteside.

—STEPHEN F. BAILEY, *Observations Editor*

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## Conservation Notes

### OIL ON THE WATER

On a spring morning in 1917 John Kunder, chief keeper of the lighthouse on the Southeast Farallon Island, awoke to find the island engulfed in an enormous oil slick. Dead and dying murres, cormorants, guillemots and other species littered the shore. On the same day Captain Thomas Jobson, master of the lightship stationed outside the Golden Gate, also observed a heavy film of oil killing birds by the thousands. In a report to their superior, Captain H. W. Rhodes, Superintendent of Lighthouses in the Eighteenth District, the lightkeeper and the ship's captain expressed concern that "... the diving birds thereabouts, especially the murres, were threatened with extinction, being killed in large numbers by quantities of oil on the waters in that vicinity ... the source is the ballast of tankers pumped out just before the vessels enter the bay."

What could be done? Captain Rhodes turned to the newly formed Audubon Society of the Pacific (later known as the Golden Gate Audubon Society) and expressed his "solicitude for the welfare of the sea fowl." Could Audubon help? Captain Rhodes had come to the right place. Golden Gate Audubon began its longest and one of its most difficult battles in 1919 with the publication of the first in a series of articles appearing in *The Gull* entitled "Oil On The Waters." Success came in the 1920s when, as a result of persuasion, the oil companies agreed to "discontinue the practice of pumping oily water ballast at sea and ... devised and installed appliances avoiding its necessity."

Largely because of the efforts of many organizations and individuals, the Southeast Farallones were included in the national wildlife refuge

system in 1969. Under the protection of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the biologists of Point Reyes Bird Observatory, the islands' seabird population experienced a dramatic recovery. Several species of birds and marine mammals that had been eliminated from the islands in the days of oil pollution reestablished themselves. Audubon members and the many others who had worked for the islands' protection could take pride and satisfaction in their accomplishment. Victory seemed assured when in the fall of 1980, Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus proposed regulations prohibiting hydrocarbon development within the newly established Point Reyes-Farallon National Marine Sanctuary.

But now the islands are again threatened.

On March 25, 1981, acting upon the recommendation of the new Secretary of Interior, James Watt, the Department of Commerce proposed a reversal of the government's position with respect to hydrocarbon development. The initial step to open the Point Reyes-Farallon Marine Sanctuary to oil exploration has been taken.

The threat of oil on the waters is again present. A spill in the vicinity of the Farallon breeding colonies in the spring would destroy a significant portion of the seabirds on the west coast of the United States. The hazards to marine mammals, the fishing and tourist industries are frightening and well documented.

On March 30, 1981, the Secretary of Commerce called for comments from the public on oil exploration in the Point Reyes-Farallon and Channel Islands national marine sanctuaries. To be considered, comments must be received on or before June 30, 1981, and should be sent to Dr. Nancy Foster, Deputy Director, Sanctuary Program Office, Office of Coastal Zone Management, 3300 Whitehaven St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20235.

The conservation committee urges members to write and oppose hydrocarbon development in the Point Reyes-Farallon and Channel Islands national marine sanctuaries. In addition, we suggest that copies be sent to your congressional and legislative representatives.

Now is the time for Golden Gate Audubon to renew its battle of more than 60 years for the protection of the Farallon Islands and the removal of the threat of oil on the waters.

—PETE WHITE, *Offshore Oil Subcommittee*



## LEAST TURN UPDATE

California Least Terns have arrived again to nest in the Bay Area. The first reported sighting was of one tern at Alameda South Shore on April 25. On April 30 seven were seen in the same area, including a pair engaged in a portion of the ground phase of courtship; the male offering a fish to the female and posturing with upheld wings and bill. On the first of May, 70 Least Terns were counted on their traditional nesting site at the Alameda Naval Air Station.

Thanks to GGAS, the U.S. Navy and the California Department of Fish and Game, the tern colony will be monitored and managed for a second year. The preparation of the nesting site as recommended by the results of the 1980 GGAS-sponsored Least Tern Study has been completed, primarily with labor and supplies donated by the Navy. The logs which formerly marked off the site have been removed and a new two-foot high fence now surrounds the area. The fence has mesh at the bottom to prevent chicks from wandering into traffic areas where at least 15 were killed last year. At a safe distance above the mesh are three strands of electrified wire to discourage ground predators from disturbing nests during incubation. Avian predators remain a threat but some shelter from them as well as from the elements has been provided by ceramic drain tiles, donated by Mission Clay Products, placed on the site.

—LAURA COLLINS, *Field Biologist/Manager, GGAS Least Tern Study*

## NEW CONDOR BREEDING PROGRAM APPLICATION

In its first action since the tragic death of a California Condor chick last summer, the Fish and Wildlife Service has reapplied for a permit to capture condors. (The captive breeding program is the subject of much controversy because its proposed activities are considered by some to be intrusive and dangerous to the small remaining number of wild California Condors and its success is viewed as only speculative.)

The captive breeding program could involve the removal of up to eleven wild condors to the San Diego Zoo for seven to 24 years. This is approximately half of the estimated wild population and the impact upon the remaining condors of such a drastic reduction in numbers has not been evaluated. Also disturbing to some is the fact that caged Andean Condors did not produce a chick until seven years after being brought into captivity and since release none of the Andean Condors has been found to breed in the wild.

The radiotelemetry portion of the program (placing of solar-energized telemetric devices on the wings of wild birds so they can be tracked from the ground) troubles opponents because it requires that every wild California Condor be captured and handled by the Condor Recovery Team.

GGAS feels that more attention should be focused on specific efforts to determine the impact of habitat destruction and pesticides such as Compound 1080. Another immediate matter of concern is the plan under consideration to allow oil and mineral leases in the Los Padres National Forest which is in the condors' present range as well as the current plan to rezone much of the condors' historic range in Kern County to allow for more urban development.

The status of proposed activities affecting the California Condor is being monitored by the GGAS Conservation Committee's Condor Subcommittee. If you would like to receive latest condor information or are interested in joining us on this small subcommittee, please call or write the GGAS office or contact Robin Pulich (848-3594). The survival of the California Condor is a matter of great concern to us all—please call to find out what you can do to help the condor and to share your ideas with us.

—ROBIN PULICH, *Condor Subcommittee*

## RECYCLING IS IN!

Do the environment a favor by recycling those old bottles, cans, newspapers and other items you were going to throw away. Recycling saves precious nonrenewable natural resources. The manufacture of goods from reusable materials rather than from raw materials saves oil and gas.

There are more than 34 recycling centers and services around the Bay Area. Some cities have a free curbside pickup service. For information, East Bay residents can call *The Ecology Center* in Berkeley at 548-2220, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. San Francisco residents can call the *Neighborhood Foundation*, 387-3044, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. South Bay people can call the *San Leandro Ecology Center*, 635-8200, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day. Marin County folks can call *Citizens for Energy Planning*, 459-9191, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Monday. For those east of the Oakland hills try the *Eco House* in Walnut Creek at 937-2072, 10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday-Friday. All these centers are staffed by people interested in better utilization of the land. They will be happy to help find a recycling center near you.

Recycling is not limited to cans, bottles and newspapers. Used motor oil (which accounts for up to 45 percent of the oil pollution in the Bay)

is recycled at many service stations and recycling centers. Many places also accept scrap metal, cardboard and magazines. Why stop there? Save egg cartons, paper towel and toilet paper tubes, berry baskets, clean margarine tubs, styrofoam meat trays, aluminum frozen food trays, baby food jars (with lids), plastic bread bags and other household items and give them to *Bay Area Creative Reuse*. BALR collects reusables and distributes them to teachers, recreation leaders and community groups for educational and crafts projects.

The materials can be dropped off at:

*East Bay Depot*, 1027 60th St., Oakland, 547-6470, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

*West Bay Depot*, 934 Brannan St., San Francisco, 863-1414.

*South Bay Depot*, call Dave Rawnsley, 364-5600, x2520.

*North Bay Depot*, 3840 Finley Ave., Santa Rosa, (707) 526-3346.

Be an efficient consumer and recycle.

—MICHAEL GREEN, *Regional Subcommittee*

**SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATION NOTES:** The fishing pier which was constructed at Lake Merced in February was belatedly granted a permit by the Coastal Commission. The threat of further development at the lake continues, although GGAS efforts to protect this valuable coastal freshwater body seem to be having some impact.

An extensive reclamation project is planned for the Chain of Lakes in Golden Gate Park. It will probably involve removal of much of the marsh vegetation as well as silt from the lake bottoms. Now is the time to comment to the Recreation and Park Department at Fell and Stanyan streets in San Francisco.

The Golden Gate Park Land Use Plan will be conducting a comprehensive transportation study of Golden Gate Park. The long range goal will be to minimize vehicular traffic in accordance with the objectives and policies of the Park Land Use Plan. Volunteers will be needed to help conduct some of the survey work dealing with origin/destination patterns, pedestrian circulation and parking. If you would like to assist, want to be kept informed or simply would like to voice your views on the overall objective, please call Deborah Learner, Plan Coordinator, at 558-3182. Letters should be sent to Ms. Learner, c/o San Francisco Recreation and Park Dept., McLaren Lodge, San Francisco, 94117.

We continue to need GGAS members who reside in the City to volunteer for work on the Conservation Committee.

—DAN MURPHY, *San Francisco Regional Subcommittee*



## Birding Classes

### Dusk Birding and Summer Waterbirds

Dr. Stephen F. Bailey will teach two classes, sponsored by GGAS, at the Albany Adult School. Each includes one evening orientation session followed by Saturday field trips.

*Dusk Birding* will visit several very different habitats to see and hear the evening activities of diurnal, crepuscular and nocturnal birds. The orientation session is Tuesday, June 16.

*Summer Waterbirds* will concentrate on three groups of waterbirds that occur during our summer months: Bay Area breeding species, non-breeding individuals remaining on their wintering grounds and shorebirds returning in midsummer. The orientation session is Wednesday, June 17.

For more information call Steve at 548-9507. To register call Albany Adult School at 526-6811.

### Birding Trips through Fremont Adult School

Alice Hoch will teach two one-day classes through the Fremont Adult School.

*Birds and Flowers of the Point Lobos State Reserve* will be given on Saturday, June 20, at the height of activity at the large Brandt's Cormorant nesting colony. Pelagic Cormorants and Western Gulls will also be nesting and many wildflowers should be in bloom.

A *Waterbird Field Trip* will be offered on Saturday, July 11, giving participants an opportunity to observe Least Terns, nesting egrets and some shorebirds in breeding plumage.

For more information contact Alice Hoch at 657-0475.

## Free Natural History Field Trips at Mono Lake

Free half-day field trips to study the geology, botany, zoology and human history of the Mono Basin are scheduled every Saturday and Sunday from June 13 to September 13. All ages welcome. Trips leave from Mono Lake Committee visitor center in Lee Vining at 8:30 a.m., making several stops along the lakeshore and include a visit to the Mono Craters, a swim and lunch. Tours finish about 1 p.m.

For complete information, contact Mono Lake Field Trips, P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541 (714-647-6386).

## News from The Ranch

As of April 23 there were 92 egret and 27 heron nests active in Schwarz Grove. The month of June is an exciting time to observe the adult birds and their young in their treetop nests. The Ranch, located on Hwy. 1 just three miles north of Stinson Beach, is open to the public on weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until July 4.

## Summer Educational Opportunities

### Bay Adventure Seminars

Bay Adventure Seminars offer a variety of field courses in natural history, education and the arts. Coastal Parks Association sponsors this nonprofit program in cooperation with San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Local, recognized professionals teach these seminars in classes limited to 15 to 24 people. The fee charged to participants covers the costs of instruction, materials and administration. College credit can be earned for participation in many seminars.

If you are interested in receiving the new brochure of summer courses or wish more information, contact Bay Adventure Seminars, P.O. Box 524, Newark, CA 94560.

### Natural History Classes for Youngsters

National Audubon Society's Western Education Center in Tiburon is offering the following classes this summer:

*Marine Biology*—five days of marine biology adventures, taught by Lani Uhry for children aged 9-12; June 22-26 or July 6-10.

*Ecology*—five days of exploring the natural world, taught by Lani Uhry for children 6-9; June 29-July 3, July 13-17, July 27-31.

*Adventures in Yosemite*—a three-week preparation program, Monday-Friday, 1:30-4:30 p.m., culminating in a week-long back packing trip, July 6-31 with Ted Stoeckley.

*Rafting the American*—a two-week preparation program, Monday-Friday, 1:30-4:30 p.m., followed by a week-long camping and rafting experience on the American River, August 10-28.

For more information call the Center at 388-2525.

## Summer Day Camp

A summer day camp for parents and their children, grades K-6, is being offered by the Audubon Nature Training Society (no affiliation with National Audubon Society or GGAS) at Lake Merritt for three weeks, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, from June 15 to July 3, 1981. Parents will learn outdoor activities and techniques to share with classes in their children's school during the next school year. Any adult interested in working with elementary school children is more than welcome. To register, phone Alice-Ann Cantelow at 834-6666. Tuition is \$20.

### Needed: New GGAS Executive Director

Because Jerry Emory is planning to return to college in the fall, we will need a new GGAS Executive Director. If you are interested in the position, please call GGAS office (843-2222) to obtain a job description.

## GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

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## In Memoriam

### ERIC REYNOLDS, M.D. (1896-1981)

*Editor's note:* The following is based on a memoir of her father written by Ariel Parkinson. We regret that we do not have space enough for the entire tribute, but copies of the complete text will be available at the GGAS Annual Dinner, June 19, or by request from the GGAS office. A copy will also be on file at Audubon Canyon Ranch.

In his very last minute Eric Reynolds was weeding a patch of soft green clover, first step in making a new garden at Chaparral House in Berkeley where he had recently come to live. He took pleasure in the bright day, the fresh air, the vigorous physical activity and in assisting the little plants to flourish. To die this way was a fitting departure for a man who helped to shape, benignly, some of the major historical forces of his time and for whom no task, however simple, could be menial.

He was beloved, venerated, assigned by his colleagues a host of honors and responsibilities. No one could be insensitive to the quality and sweetness of his character. Most of us, even his intimates, knew well, however, only two or three of the facets of his life. Now, at his death, the full achievement and the character combine . . .

Among many honors and responsibilities, Eric Reynolds was president of the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, the American Academy of General Practice and Blue Shield. As a young doctor he was a faculty member of the UC Medical School in pharmacology and at the close of his career head of a division in the State Department of Public Health. He was surgical consultant to the command of the South Pacific Fleet during World War II and head of medical aspects of the occupation of Japan. He was a general practitioner and surgeon in Oakland for 50 years.

Serving also as president, vice president and director of GGAS, he was an active, indispensable leader in the acquisition of Pt. Reyes and Audubon Canyon Ranch as sanctuaries. He and his wife Laurel together were instrumental in getting the Audubon Lecture Tours to come to the Bay Area. Their hospitality to visiting celebrities and to the community of those involved in conservation helped give the movement excitement, the sense of bigger issues, a new power. They were primary agents in developing the Golden Gate Audubon Society and other "nature clubs" into an effective social force.

They were leaders in the Bay Area, which has been a leader in the world: the place that stopped a freeway, that saved a bay, that initiated preservation of the coast, that started up recycling . . .

Eric Reynolds was a leader and a teacher. He taught in the very substance of his life. He taught so that his projects and the power to effect his projects endure in others.



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